



# **TOWN OF EASTON**

## **Town Meeting Board of Finance Recommended Expenditures FY 2017/2018**

**APRIL 24, 2017**

**SAMUEL STAPLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

# Summary of Expenditures

	<u>Original Adopted</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>% of</u>	<u>\$ Amount Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<u>TOWN ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>Budget 2016/2017</u>	<u>Budget 2017/2018</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>From Prior Year</u>	<u>Original</u>
Compensation	5,926,878	5,989,619	13.33%	\$ 62,741	1.06%
Fringe Benefits (Health & Fica)	2,285,430	2,344,124	5.22%	\$ 58,694	2.57%
Pension Costs	939,390	1,009,140	2.25%	\$ 69,750	7.43%
Operating Costs	3,472,638	3,335,207	7.42%	\$ (137,431)	-3.96%
Debt Service	3,402,568	3,352,725	7.46%	\$ (49,843)	-1.46%
Total Town Accounts	\$ 16,026,904	\$ 16,030,815	35.69%	\$ 3,912	0.02%
State Teacher Pension Obligation		\$1,298,824		\$ 1,298,824	
<u>EDUCATION</u>					
Easton Board of Education	\$ 15,746,880	15,837,858	35.26%	\$ 90,978	0.58%
Region 9 Board of Education-a)	10,988,581	11,061,949	24.63%	\$ 73,368	0.67%
Total Education	\$ 26,735,461	\$ 26,899,807	59.88%	\$ 164,346	0.61%
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES REQUEST</u>					
Town Capital Expenditures	\$ 968,896	690,200	1.54%	\$ (278,696)	-28.76%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES REQUESTS	\$ 43,731,261	\$ 44,919,646	100.00%	\$ 1,188,386	2.72%
a) <u>Region 9 Board of Education</u>					
Easton's Share	\$ 10,988,581	11,061,949	46.50%	\$ 73,368	0.67%
Redding's Share	12,292,310	12,727,188	53.50%	\$ 434,878	3.54%
Total Region 9 BOE	\$ 23,280,891	\$ 23,789,137	100.00%	\$ 508,246	2.18%

# Capital Expenditures

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<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Planning & Zoning	Town Plan of Conservation & Development update and publication	\$ 8,700
Police	Three 2018 Ford Interceptor Utility patrol vehicle	\$ 100,500
	Server plus installation	12,000
	Total	\$ 112,500
Fire	Engine Replacement	\$ 70,000
	Personal protective equipment	16,000
	Pager, portable & truck radio	5,000
	Dry hydrants	4,000
	Hose & nozzles	3,000
	SCBA- Bottles, regulators & masks	3,500
	Total	\$ 101,500
Public Works	Medium Duty Dump Truck w/Plow	184,500
	Total	\$ 184,500
Emergency Medical Service	Radios for Ambulance (police,fire,c-med,portable)	\$ 8,000
		\$ 8,000
TOTALS	Total Capital Expenditures Request	\$ 415,200
	Public Works Dept- Road Work	<u>\$ 275,000</u>
	Grand Total	\$ 690,200

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# Major Drivers of 17/18 Budget Easton & Region 9

Local (Town & Region 9) Expenditures Down .25%

- Easton BOE = .58%
- Region 9 = .67%
- Remainder of Town = (-1.62%)
- Total Local Expenditures = (.25%)

# **Major Drivers of 17/18 Budget**

## **Proposed State Budget Impact to Easton**

1. Educational Cost Share loss
  - Loss of \$163,445 of Grant Revenue
2. Teachers State Pension Expense
  - A new expense of \$1,298,824.
3. Total State changes possibly reduce net funding by \$1,725,000 that has to be covered by spending cuts or increased tax.
4. The various State changes potentially increase the Easton Budget by 3.8% relative to last year.

# Receipts and Estimated Tax Calculation

	Adopted Budget <u>FY2016/2017</u>	Requested Budget <u>FY2017/2018</u>	% Change <u>Prior Year</u>
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>			
PROPERTY TAXES			
CURRENT YEAR	\$ 38,325,843	\$ 39,625,448	3.39%
MOTOR VEHICLES	2,355,354	2,478,122	5.21%
PRIOR YEAR	175,000	175,000	0.00%
INTEREST AND FEES	120,000	120,000	0.00%
MOTOR VEHICLES	150,000	150,000	0.00%
TELEPHONE ACCESS	18,296	18,296	0.00%
ELDERLY TAX RELIEF	(300,000)	(295,000)	-1.67%
STATE CIRCUIT BREAKER	(34,670)	(27,082)	-21.89%
SUB-TOTAL	<u>\$ 40,809,823</u>	<u>\$ 42,244,784</u>	3.52%
 TOWN RECEIPTS	 \$ 1,313,731	 \$ 1,271,731	 -3.20%
TREASURER INTEREST	125,000	135,000	8.00%
STATE GRANTS	982,707	768,131	-21.84%
SURPLUS APPROPRIATED TO FINANCE BUDGET	500,000	500,000	0.00%
SUB-TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,438,731</u>	<u>\$ 1,406,731</u>	-2.22%
 TOTAL REVENUE	 \$ 42,248,554	 \$ 44,919,646	 6.32%
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 \$ 43,731,261	 \$ 44,919,646	 2.72%
  Tax Revenue Required	  \$ 38,325,843	  \$ 39,625,448	  3.39%
Collection Rate	98.785%	98.785%	0.00%
Gross Revenue Required	38,797,229	40,112,819	3.39%
Grand List	1,259,064,304	1,201,597,268	-4.56%
 Tax Rate	 30.81	 33.38	 8.34%

# Mill Rate Change in Perspective

- The Mill Rate will increase as a result of the recent revaluation.
- Townwide assessed valuation is down 4.5%.
- If revenue requirement is constant (flat budget), **a 4.712% increase in Mill Rate is necessary to raise same amount of tax revenue as last year.**
- The total expected tax revenue the town would receive would be the same as last year (all else being equal) despite an increase in the mill rate.
- Key Components to be aware of
  - a. How did your property valuation change relative to the town?
    - If your decrease was greater than the town-wide decrease your taxes relative to last year's budget would decrease.
    - If your valuation did not decrease as much or increased, you would see an increase in taxes relative to last year's budget.
  - b. This year the town will encounter a cap of the mill rate for vehicles, forcing a higher tax on other property.
  - c. It is likely that due to the proposed state budget, this year's budget WILL also see an increase relative to last year.

# Sources of Mil Rate Increase

**Percent Increase  
Over Last Year**

**Mil Rate**

**Source**

8.3%

4.7%

4.5%

0.0%



33.38

32.26

32.20

30.81  
Last year's  
Mil Rate

**State Aid Decrease**  
Increases Mil Rate  
From 32.20 to 33.38

**Town Budget**  
Decreases Mil Rate  
From 32.26 to 32.20

**Property Revaluation**  
Increases Mil Rate  
From 30.81 to 32.26



# Contingency Plans

## **Plan A (State Budget completed on time)**

- The BOF will delay setting the Mill Rate as long as possible (mid June).
- If the Legislature completes the budget process on time, then the Mill Rate will be set based on the known state budget impact.
- No supplementary tax bill is required.

# Contingency Plans

## **Plan B - (Mill Rate set prior to State budget)**

- The BOF would incorporate any clear direction from the legislature reflecting a lower amount
- The BOF will set the Mill Rate based on assumption that the impact of the State budget will be \$200,000 lower than the proposed amount but could be covered by unassigned fund balance.
- No supplementary tax bill would be required.

# Contingency Plans

## **Plan C - (Mill Rate set prior to State budget)**

- If the State budget impact is substantially lower (more than \$200,000) than the proposed amount, Easton would have essentially over-taxed its residents.
- The likely remedy would be to apply the majority of that amount to future tax years to lower future rates.

# In Summary

- Local expenditures are down .25% relative to prior year.
- The proposed State Budget impact increases the budget by 3.8%.
- Changes to the proposed State Budget will likely occur and may not be known for some time.
- The unassigned balance will be used to offset some of the State Budget.
- Referendum is May 2, 2017 from 6AM – 8PM.

# Five Year Capital Plan 2017/2018

(Thousand Dollars)

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23		18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
<b>Town Clerk</b>						<b>Fire Marshall</b>					
Map Printer & Scanner	11.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Camera	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vault Storage System	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.5	0.0	Computer Hardware	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>P&amp;Z Department</b>						<b>Police</b>					
Revise Subdivision Regulations	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicle(+upfit) Patrol	33.5	33.5	33.5	33.5	33.5
<b>Total P&amp;Z</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicle(+upfit) Patrol	0.0	0.0	33.5	0.0	0.0
<b>Treasurer Department</b>						Ford Interceptor Utility vehicle (+upfit) K-9	0.0	35.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
HR Munis Module	12.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	Ford Interceptor Utility vehicle (+upfit) Admin	20.0	0.0	33.5	33.5	33.5
<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	Speed Enforcement Device (radar)	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Fire Department</b>						Livescan Booking Station	20.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Engine Replacement	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	Maintain Body Camera License	0.0	0.0	11.8	11.8	11.8
Gear Replacement	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	(12) Body Cameras )camera system, dock,licensing	0.0	19.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pagers. Radios	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	<b>Total Police</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>115.1</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>81.6</b>
Dry hydrant	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	<b>EMS</b>					
Hose & nozzles	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	Ambulance Replacement	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
SCBA-Bottles,regulator,masks	4.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	Replacement Portable Radios	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SCBA Bottle Replacement	29.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>Total EMS</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>
SCBA Replacement	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>					
<b>Total Fire</b>	<b>127.9</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>147.5</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>97.5</b>	Tennis Court Repairs	0.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	60.0
<b>660 Morehouse Road Facility</b>						Town wide Park Imprvements	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Remove (2) two 10,000 Fuel Tanks	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	Replacement Rack Body Truck w/lift gate	0.0	36.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Oil Burner to Natural Gas 1 at No. Boiler Rm.	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	Replacement Tractor	0.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0
Oil Burner to Natural Gas 2 at So. Boiler Rm.	0.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	Replacement Pick Up Truck	0.0	28.0	0.0	0.0	30.0
<b>Total 660 Morehouse Rd.</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	Toro Grounds Master	14.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	15.0
<b>Public Works Department</b>						Toro Gang Mower	0.0	14.0	0.0	0.0	14.0
Med.DutyDump Truck w/Plow	200.0	200.0	0.0	0.0	205.0	Trailer	3.5	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Street Sweeper	0.0	0.0	0.0	230.0	0.0	Replacement Playground Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0
Front End Loader 2 1/2Yd	0.0	0.0	200.0	0.0	0.0	Mason Dump Truck	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.0	0.0
3 yd. Dump Truck w/Plow	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	Storage Facility	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	0.0
<b>Total Public Works Dept</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>330.0</b>	<b>205.0</b>	Water Wheel	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Road Reconst./Bridge</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>Total Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>160.0</b>	<b>130.0</b>	<b>129.0</b>
<b>Senior Center</b>						<b>Library</b>					
Painting	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Convert Parking lot light fixtures for efficiency	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Van Replacement	0.0	0.0	54.0	0.0	0.0	Convert Fire Suppression System(well to city water)	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Senior Center</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	Reseal restrip parking lot	0.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Communications</b>						Replace Library roof	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Computer Monitor	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	Replace paving stones with concrete sidewalks	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	0.0
50" Computer Monitor	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	<b>Total Library</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Computer	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	<b>Sub-Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>516.3</b>	<b>574.1</b>	<b>837.8</b>	<b>717.8</b>	<b>665.3</b>
<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>Sub-Total Roads/Paving</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>	<b>300.0</b>
						<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>816.3</b>	<b>874.1</b>	<b>1137.8</b>	<b>1017.8</b>	<b>965.3</b>